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1. SUMMARY. WITH HIS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE READING HIS STATEMENT AS HE SAT ALONGSIDE, AMIN FIRST ADDRESSED THE GA AS OAU CHAIRMAN. HE FOUND PROMISE IN THE RETREAT OF IMPERIALISM AND IN NEW ATTITUDES, ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF THE US, CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE TOUCHED ON THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM, SAYING IT SHOULD HAVE AN EXCLUSIVELY AFRICAN SOLUTION. HE HOPED FOR EARLY DISSOLUTION OF THE REMAINING AFRICAN COLONIES AND SOUGHT UN HELP WITH THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTION. AMIN URGED A THIRD WORLD SECURITY CONFERENCE, INCLUDING CHINA AND JAPAN, AS A FOLLOW-UP OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. AS PRESIDENT OF UGANDA, AMIN CONTINUED WITH AN EXPOSITION OF WHAT UGANDA HAS TO OFFER IN THE FORM OF LAND AND OTHER RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS AND TOURISTS. HE ASSERTED THAT, IN RETURN FOR ALL ITS EFFORTS IN THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND, UGANDA HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO BLACKMAIL, ABUSE, OSTRACISM AND TREACHERY "BY IMPERIALISTS IN LEAGUE WITH FASCISTS
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AND ZIONISTS." HE ADVOCATED THE EXTINCTION OF ISRAEL,

WHICH WITHOUT US AID WOULD NOT EXIST, AND URGED AMERICANS TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THEIR COUNTRY FROM ZIONISTS. HE URGED HIS "ARAB BROTHERS" TO UNITE IN ORDER TO DEFEAT ISRAEL. HE ALSO ADVISED BLACK AMERICANS TO CLOSE RANKS. AFTER PROVIDING EXAMPLES OF UGANDA'S DEVOTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY AND LISTING THE COUNTRY'S ATTRIBUTES, HE INVITED THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO COME TO UGANDA TO SHARE THE NATION'S "FANTASTIC NATURAL TREASURES."
END OF SUMMARY

2. HEAVILY BEMEDALLED IN HIS FIELD MARSHALL'S UNIFORM, AMIN MADE A FEW INTRODUCTORY REMARKS IN SWAHILI AND THEN TURNED THE PODIUM OVER TO HIS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR KININE, TO READ HIS STATEMENT IN ENGLISH, WHILE AMIN SAT IN A HIGH BACKED ARM CHAIR AT THE SIDE OF THE PODIUM. THE STATEMENT, WHICH TOOK 2 HOURS TO DELIVER, WAS DISTRIBUTED NEAR THE END IN AN ILLUSTRATED BOOKLET INCLUDING PHOTOS OF UGANDAN WILDLIFE, GENERAL BLAIR'S VISIT, AMIN BEING CARRIED BY "BRITISH FRIENDS" TO AN OAU RECEPTION IN KAMPALA, AND A GROUP OF BRITONS ON ONE KNEE BEFORE AMIN BEING SWORN INTO THE UGANDAN ARMED FORCES.

3. ADDRESSING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FIRST AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU, AMIN (THROUGH AMBASSADOR KINENE) BEGAN WITH REFERENCES TO THE RETREAT OF IMPERIALISM AND THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND RELATED EARLIER MEETINGS WHICH HAD "FURTHERED A POSITIVE TREND TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF A REALISTIC AND JUST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER." PAYING "SPECIAL TRIBUTE" TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A CHANGED POLICY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS "PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT," HE FOUND THAT, EXCEPT FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE WAR FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE IS ALMOST OVER. THE PRESENT STRUGGLE IS FOR THE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE NECESSARY TO MAKE POLITICAL FREEDOM MEANINGFUL. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE THIRD WORLD AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, HOWEVER, STILL LEAVES A LOT TO BE DESIRED; SOME INDISTRIALIZED NATIONS STILL CLING TO OUTDATED ATTITUDES ABOUT EXPLOITATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' NATURAL RESOURCES. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE THIRTIETH UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL GO FAR TOWARD PROMOTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION BASED ON EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY.

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4. TURNING TO THE HASTENED PACE OF DE-COLONIZATION, AMIN COMPLMENTED THE NEW PORTUGAL FOR ITS FARSIGHTEDNESS AND WARNED AGAINST THE EXTERNAL INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA'S DIFFICULTIES. THE UNITED NATIONS COULD HELP PREVENT INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE ANGOLA CONFLICT AND MUST CONDEMN THOSE POWERS WHICH ARE COMPLICATING THE SITUATION. "THE PROBLEM OF ANGOLA BEING ESSENTIALLY AFRICAN, SHOULD AND OUGHT TO HAVE AN AFRICAN SOLUTION."

5. AFTER APPEALING FOR UNHCR HELP TO CAPE VERDEAN REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA, AMIN'S STATEMENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FRANCE, BRITAIN AND SPAIN WOULD FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE NEW PORTUGAL. (HE HAD PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE COMORO ISLANDS AND SOME OF THE ISLANDS WHICH "RIGHTLY BELONG" TO THE SEYCHELLES CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN BIOT.) HE APPEALED FOR UN HELP IN SOLVING THE SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM AND SAID THAT AFRICA IS PREPARED FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE BEING FORCE. THE OAU STANDS BEHIND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE AFFORDED THOSE MOVEMENTS BY USSR, CHINA AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THERE IS NO COMPROMISE WITH APARTHEID AND SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO RIGHT TO UN MEMBERSHIP.

6. HE CALLED FOR THIRD WORLD INVOLVEMENT IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SECURITY; WITHOUT SUCH INVOLVEMENT, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE. AT THIS POINT, THERE WAS A SINGLE SENTENCE APPEALING TO THE US TO "RECONSIDER ITS POSITION IN AND RELATIONSHIP WITH PANAMA." THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A PROPOSAL TO DEAL WITH THE "MONOPOLY OF THE VETO BY GRANTING THE RIGHT OF VETO TO AFRICA AND "OTHER RECOGNIZED AND REGIONAL GROUPS."

7. AMIN COMPLIMENTED, PARTICULARLY, THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE AND CONSIDERED IT LOGICAL TO FOLLOW UP WITH A SECURITY MEETING OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS. SUCH A CONFERENCE, HE SAID, SHOULD INCLUDE BOTH CHINA AND JAPAN, WHICH "BELONG TO THE THIRD WORLD" AND WHOSE PARTICIPATION WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO SOLVE BY PEACEFUL MEANS THE PROBLEMS EXISTING WITHIN THE RANKS OF THE THIRD WORLD. THIS APPLIES, FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM, SINCE BOTH KOREAS "ARE ALSO LEGITIMATELY WITHIN THE THIRD
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8. THE REMAINING HALF OF AMIN'S STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF UGANDA. IT BEGAN WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF LAND USE AND SETTLEMENT TO THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD. UGANDA IS UNIQUELY ENDOWED WITH THE CLIMATE, SOIL AND SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS, ENABLING THE COUNTRY TO CONTRIBUTE AS A BREAD BASKET FOR THE STARVING WORLD. UGANDA HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES PREPARING TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD. AS TO LAND SETTLEMENT, AMIN CONSIDERED THIS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF A UN AGENCY TO DEAL WITH IT AND OFFERED TO HOST THE SECRETARIAT OF SUCH AN AGENCY. CONTINUING, HIS STATEMENT NOTED FULL EXPLOITATION OF LAND RESOURCES REQUIRES HEAVY FINANCIAL INVESTMENT. INVESTORS ARE INVITED TO UGANDA AND THEY MAY BE ASSURED OF FULL PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS, FAIR RETURN AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF PROPERTY.

9. AMIN FOUND STRENGTH OF PURPOSE IN DELIVERING HIS STATEMENT IN THE US, "WHICH IN OUR ERA CONCEIVED A NEW PHILOSOPHY WHICH HAS LIT, CLEANSED AND SUSTAINED THE THIRD WORLD IN THE PURSUIT OF FREEDOM." HE THEN DECLARED THAT, FOR ITS EFFORTS TO CLAIM ITS NATURAL RIGHTS, FOSTER INTERNATIONAL BROTHER-
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HOOD, AND FIGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION, UGANDA HAS BEEN "SUBJECTED TO BLACKMAIL VULGAR ABUSE, COMMERCIAL OSTRACISM, ECONOMIC STRANGULATION AND TREACHERY BY IMPERIALISTS IN LEAGUE WITH THE FASCISTS AND ZIONISTS." HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO THE BRITISH AND TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL THE LATTER HAVING BEEN "FED ON RUMORS AND CONCOCTIONS FROM DISCREDITED CRIMINALS IN EXILE." THIS LED INTO A CONDEMNATION OF ZIONISTS, "ILLEGAL" CREATION OF ISRAEL AND US SUPPORT OF THE LATTER.

"WITHOUT THE USA THERE WOULD BE NO ISRAEL." THIS SITUATION "STEMS FROM THE SAD HISTORY OF COLONIZATION. THE USA HAS BEEN COLONIZED BY THE ZIONISTS WHO HOLD ALL THE TOOLS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR POWER . . . THEY HAVE TURNED THE CIA INTO A MURDER SQUAD . . ." AMIN CALLED UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE "TO RID THEIR SOCIETY OF THE ZIONISTS IN ORDER THAT THE TRUE CITIZENS OF THIS NATION MAY CONTROL THEIR OWN DESTINIES". HE ADVOCATED "THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN AND THE EXTINCTION OF ISRAEL AS A STATE SO THAT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF PALESTINE MAY BE INSURED AND UPHELD." AMIN'S STATEMENT ASSERTED THAT HIS HOLINESS THE POPE AGREED WITH HIM THAT WHEN THIS OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED, JERUSALEM WILL REVERT TO ITS HOLY STATUS, BE OPEN TO ALL RELIGIONS AND FREE OF ANY MILITARY ACTIVITY. AFTER STATING THAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE PREPARED TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH JEWS WHO DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO ZIONISM AND ADVISING HIS "ARAB BROTHERS" TO UNITE IN ORDER TO DEFEAT ISRAEL, AMIN SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE WAS NOT A RACIST.

10. HE THEN AGAIN WELCOMED INVESTORS TO UGANDA "AS FRIENDS BUT NOT AS MASTERS," FOLLOWING THIS WITH AN EXPRESSION OF "DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT MORE BLACK AMERICANS WERE NOT IN HIGH POSITIONS. AS "A CHALLENGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE", HE ASKED "WHY?" THE STATEMENT ADDED THAT "BLACK AMERICANS THEMSELVES ARE TO BLAME IN A WAY" BECAUSE OF DIVISIONS AMONG THEMSELVES. AS FOR UGANDA, IT HAD DONE ITS "BEST TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF THE BLACK AMERICANS."

11. GOING ON TO UGANDA'S "FAITH IN FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY," AMIN ILLUSTRATED WITH GUARANTEES OF EQUALITY TO WOMEN AND THE REFORM RATHER THAN PUNITIVE NATURE OF HIS PRISON SYSTEM.

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12. AMIN THEN MOVED BACK TO THE ECONOMIC SPHERE, INVITING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN UGANDA AND THE COUNTRY'S ATTRACTION AS A TOURIST PARADISE, HIS LIST OF ATTRIBUTES INCLUDING "THE PRECIOUS WHITE RHINOCEROS, THE LORDLY LION, AND THE HUGE BUT EXTREMELY SHY GORILLA."

13. AMIN CONCLUDED BY BIDDING THE WORLD COMMUNITY WELCOME TO SHARE WITH UGANDANS THESE "FANTASTIC NATURAL TREASURES 'IN THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL HARMONY AND COOPERATION'."

14. AT THE END AMIN ROSE TO TELL THE GA HE WAS NOT A RACIST. HE WANTED COLLABORATION WITH EVERYONE, IN CONDITIONS OF MAJORITY RULE. IN THIS HE SPOKE FOR ALL OF AFRICA. HE ALSO RETURNED TO THE THEME THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS WOULD BE SOLVED EXCLUSIVELY BY AFRICANS, AND ENDED WITH THE

ASSERTION "AFRICA IS CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING ANY HUMAN
BEING CAN DO IN THIS WORLD."
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